This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (currently amended): The snowboard binding according to claim **[[1]]** **13** wherein the mounting plate opening and the peg are dimensioned so that the shift in **said** two directions **that are perpendicular to each other** is at least 4 cm.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The snowboard binding according to claim **[[1]]** **13** wherein the positive-fit connection is configured such that the shift in one direction is decoupled from the shift in the other direction.

Claim 4 (original): The snowboard binding according to claim 2 wherein the positive-fit connection is configured such that the shift in one direction is decoupled from the shift in the other direction.

Claim 5 (original): The snowboard binding according to claim 3 wherein the positive-fit connection comprises a toothed section extending in one direction.

Claim 6 (original): The snowboard binding according to claim 4 wherein the positive-fit connection comprises a toothed section extending in one direction.

Claim 7 (original): The snowboard binding according to claim 3 wherein the positive-fit connection comprises pins and elongated recesses where the elongated recesses extend in one direction.

Claim 8 (original): The snowboard binding according to claim 5 wherein the positive-fit connection comprises pins and elongated recesses where the elongated recesses extend in one direction.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The snowboard binding according to claim 5 wherein **the positive-fit connection further comprises elongated recesses and** the longitudinal direction of the toothed sections and the longitudinal direction of the elongated recesses are at right angles to each other.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The snowboard binding according to claim 6 wherein **the positive-fit connection further comprises elongated recesses and** the longitudinal direction of the toothed sections and the longitudinal direction of the elongated recesses are at right angles to each other.

Claim 11 (original): The snowboard binding according to claim 7 wherein each of the pins is associated with a group of elongated recesses, wherein each pin can be inserted into one recess of the group.

Claim 12 (original): The snowboard binding according to claim 8 wherein each of the pins is associated with a group of

elongated recesses, wherein each pin can be inserted into one recess of the group.

Claim 13 (currently amended): ~~The snowboard binding according to claim 1~~ **A snowboard binding comprising:**

a mounting plate for attachment to a snowboard surface in spaced-apart relation thereto and having a mounting plate opening;

a clamping plate having a peg projecting through the mounting plate opening;

a base plate having a base plate opening;

a hold-down plate having a central hold-down plate opening for receiving the peg, wherein the hold-down plate extends over and beyond the base plate opening;

a clamp fixing the clamping plate and the hold-down plate to the mounting plate;

wherein the mounting plate opening is substantially larger than dimensions of the peg in two shift directions that are perpendicular to each other, so that the clamping plate, the hold-down plate, and the base plate can shift relative to the mounting plate in these two directions;

wherein there is a positive-fit connection of the mounting plate to the clamping plate and/or of the hold-down plate to the mounting plate; and

wherein the mounting plate is spaced apart from the surface of the snowboard by ~~posts~~ **pedestals** and the clamping plate has arms that can be pushed between adjacent ~~posts~~ **pedestals**, wherein the sum of the dimension of the peg in each shift direction and the length of each arm in each shift direction is

greater than the width of the ~~base~~ **mounting** plate opening in each shift direction.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The snowboard binding according to claim 2 wherein the mounting plate is spaced apart from the surface of the snowboard by ~~posts~~ **pedestals** and the clamping plate has arms that can be pushed between adjacent ~~posts~~ **pedestals**, wherein the sum of the dimension of the peg in each shift direction and the length of each arm in each shift direction is greater than the width of the ~~base~~ **mounting** plate opening in each shift direction.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The snowboard binding according to claim 3 wherein the mounting plate is spaced apart from the surface of the snowboard by ~~posts~~ **pedestals** and the clamping plate has arms that can be pushed between adjacent ~~posts~~ **pedestals**, wherein the sum of the dimension of the peg in each shift direction and the length of each arm in each shift direction is greater than the width of the ~~base~~ **mounting** plate opening in each shift direction.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The snowboard binding according to claim 5 wherein the mounting plate is spaced apart from the surface of the snowboard by ~~posts~~ **pedestals** and the clamping plate has arms that can be pushed between adjacent ~~posts~~ **pedestals**, wherein the sum of the dimension of the peg in each shift direction and the length of each arm in each shift direction is greater than the width of the ~~base~~ **mounting** plate opening in each shift direction.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The snowboard binding according to claim 7 wherein the mounting plate is spaced apart from the surface of the snowboard by ~~posts~~ **pedestals** and the clamping plate has arms that can be pushed between adjacent ~~posts~~ **pedestals**, wherein the sum of the dimension of the peg in each shift direction and the length of each arm in each shift direction is greater than the width of the ~~base~~ **mounting** plate opening in each shift direction.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The snowboard binding according to claim 13 wherein the number of arms corresponds to the number of ~~posts~~ **pedestals**.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The snowboard binding according to claim [[1]] **13** wherein between the mounting plate and the clamping plate or the hold-down plate there is a toothed section with pyramid-shaped teeth and corresponding recesses, wherein the teeth are arranged regularly in two shift directions.

Claim 20 (original): The snowboard binding according to claim 13 wherein between the mounting plate and the clamping plate or the hold-down plate there is a toothed section with pyramid-shaped teeth and corresponding recesses, wherein the teeth are arranged regularly in two shift directions.